

Hurley Reformed Church  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor  
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

All: **God has invited us to this place: may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

All: **We boldly enter into the presence of God, hoping to be transformed into new people.**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

All: **We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit, we come to praise God's holy name.**

OPENING PRAYER - unison

**O God, in Your infinite wisdom You have called each one of us to serve and be a part of Your kingdom. Lord, help us have the ears to hear Your call and the courage to respond to all that You ask. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

HYMN OF APPROACH: #147, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly shows - yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it. Forgive us, O God. You offer mercy to us, so we might**

**hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Enable us to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service!**

KYRIE ELEISON

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Leader: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

All: **By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen**

SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 50

- 1 The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
- 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
- 4 **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**
- 5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- 6 **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**
- 23 **Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."**

GLORIA PATRI

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #551, "Once to Every Man and Nation"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 133

New Testament: Ephesians 4:17- 5:2

SERMON: "Fanning the Flames of Family"

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #, "On Our Way Rejoicing" vs 1-2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Rev. Charles E. Stickley, *Pastor Emeritus*

**Stickley Gardens Columbarium . . .** A sacred place of beauty and contemplation.

(Located on the south lawn of the church.)

The lone candle on the chancel is our Peace Candle. It represents this church's support for the men and women in military service, and our prayer that one day we will live in a world where their sacrifice is no longer need



**Hurley Reformed Church**  
Hurley, New York

The Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich  
Minister of Word and Sacrament

*Welcome*

*May the doors of this church be wide enough  
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Father's care;  
and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

*Enter to Worship*

*Depart to Serve*

## #147, O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and king,  
The triumphs of His grace!
2. Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears;  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
3. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.
4. He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,  
New life the dead receive.  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.
5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ.  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.
6. In Christ, your Head, ye then shall know  
Shall feel your sins forgiv'n,  
Anticipate your heav'n below,  
And own that love is heav'n.
7. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

## #551, Once to Every Man and Nation

1. Once to every man and nation  
Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth and falsehood,  
For the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, some great decision,  
Off'ring each the bloom or blight;  
And the choice goes by forever,  
'Twixt that darkness and that light.
2. Then to side with truth is noble,  
When we share her wretched crust,  
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,  
And 'tis prosperous to be just;  
Then it is the brave man chooses,  
While the coward stands aside,  
Till the multitude make virtue  
Of the faith they had denied.
3. By the light of burning martyrs,  
Christ, Thy bleeding feet we track;  
Toiling up new Calv'ries ever  
With the cross that turns not back.  
New occasions teach new duties;  
Ancient values test our youth.  
They must upward still and onward,  
Who would keep abreast of truth.
4. Though the cause of evil prosper,  
Yet 'tis Truth alone is strong;  
Though her portion be the scaffold,  
And upon the throne be wrong,  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch above his own.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR July 18, 2021

### Insert, On Our Way Rejoicing vs. 1-2

1. 1 On our way rejoicing,  
As we homeward move,  
Hearken to our praises,  
O Thou God of love!  
Is there grief or sadness?  
Thine it cannot be!  
Is our sky beclouded?  
Clouds are not from Thee!  
On our way rejoicing,  
As we homeward move,  
Hearken to our praises,  
O Thou God of love!
2. If with honest-hearted  
Love for God and man,  
Day by day Thou find us  
Doing what we can,  
Thou Who giv'st the seed-time  
Wilt give large increase,  
Crown the head with blessings,  
Fill the heart with peace.  
On our way rejoicing,  
As we homeward move,  
Hearken to our praises,  
O Thou God of love!

**Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church!** With joy we welcome your presence among us today. Let the words of the psalmist set the tone of our worship: "Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name . . . joy comes with the morning" (psalm 30:4-5 NSRV)

**Thank you,** Rev. Nick Miles, for leading us in worship today.

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Chris Decker and Bob Kindt.

**In Person Worship** happens at 10:00 am. We will continue to worship in the parking lot and by Zoom.

**Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.**

**Please stay in your car and wave your hellos.**

**There is coffee!** (No dessert though) Fellowship in Schadewald Hall after worship.

**Rev Bill** and family are away until July 19.

**Dorothy** is retiring as of July 20, 2021. We wish her well on her new journey.

**We are looking for** volunteers to help some of our members who aren't able to drive anymore get to worship. If you are willing to assist, not every week but on occasion, please let Rev Bill know.

**The mission of the month of July** is Rural and Migrant Ministries. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Deacon of the month is Chris Decker.** Contact him at 518-669-1512 if you need a deacon's assistance.

**Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:**

Barbara Sartorius is out of the hospital and is recuperating at her son's home in North Carolina; Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Viola Opdahl is home; Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill; Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina nearer her daughter; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel.

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.